

USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service—Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program (RBOG)	
Type	Economic Development
Potential for Funding	<p>\$990,000 in total funds available for FY '06. Individual grant amounts are \$50,000 maximum, multi-State projects may receive up to \$150,000 per grant. Only the two highest scoring projects from each State will be considered for funding. Please note that USDA fiscal year is October 1-September 30.</p> <p>Awarded on a competitive basis using selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G.</p>
Contact Information	<p>USDA Rural Development State Office 317.290.3100 (main line) 5975 Lakeside Blvd. Indianapolis, IN 46278</p>
Program Mission/ Focus	Promote sustainable economic development. Allowable costs: economic planning, technical assistance for rural businesses, or training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials.
Program Area	Business and Cooperative Programs
Available Grants	<p>Eligible applicants must have significant expertise in the activities it proposes to carry out and the financial strength to show the ability to accomplish proposed objectives.</p> <p>These grants must be used to result in economic development of a rural area (any area other than a city or town with a population greater than 50,000 and the urbanized areas adjacent to such cities or towns). Project must include a basis for determining the success or failure of the project and assessing impact of the project.</p>
Application Deadline	Received by May 26, 2006 at the appropriate Rural Development State Office.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Recipients must be public body, nonprofit corporation, Indian tribe, or cooperative with members that are primarily rural residents.</p> <p>Priority points are awarded to projects that best meet the following criteria: sustainability and quality of the economic activity</p>

	expected, amount of leveraging of other funds, economic conditions in the service area, and the project's usefulness as a new best practice.
Application Process (grant guidelines)	Applications can be obtained from the State Office listed above. Information required to be included in the application found in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G.